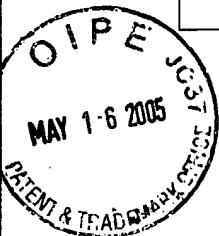


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed July 23, 2004,
Applicants resubmit the amendments as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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